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8 **IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT**  
9 **FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA**  
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11 RONALD EUGENE JAMES,

12 Petitioner,

13 v.

14 PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF  
15 CALIFORNIA,

16 Respondent.  
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No. 2:21-CV-1005-TLN-DMC-P

ORDER

18 Petitioner, a state prisoner proceeding pro se, brings this petition for a writ of  
19 habeas corpus under 28 U.S.C. § 2254. Pending before the Court is Petitioner's motion for the  
20 appointment of counsel, ECF No. 4.

21 There currently exists no absolute right to appointment of counsel in habeas  
22 proceedings. See Nevius v. Sumner, 105 F.3d 453, 460 (9th Cir. 1996). However, 18 U.S.C.  
23 § 3006A authorizes the appointment of counsel at any stage of the case "if the interests of justice  
24 so require." See Rule 8(c), Fed. R. Governing § 2254 Cases. In the present case, the Court does  
25 not find that the interests of justice would be served by the appointment of counsel at the present  
26 time.

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1                   Accordingly, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that Petitioner's motion for appointment  
2 of counsel, ECF No. 4, is denied without prejudice to renewal, at the earliest, after a response to  
3 the petition has been filed.

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6 Dated: July 23, 2021

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DENNIS M. COTA  
UNITED STATES MAGISTRATE JUDGE